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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Patent Application of

Arthur Gershowitz

Application No.: 10/082,119

Filing Date: February 26, 2002

Title: RETROGRADE CANNULA PREVENTING BLOOD BACK-FLOW DURING STYLET REMOVAL

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: ANH TUAN TUONG NGUYEN

Confirmation No.: 3521

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per
Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is/are _____

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the
☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered.
Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

on _____
for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____,
which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also
enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	16	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

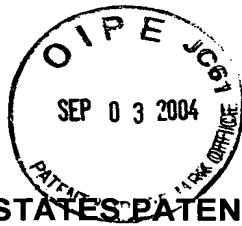
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004, reconsideration of the present application is requested.

It is submitted that claim 15 has been misunderstood. That claim recites that a cannula body has a lumen with two separate inlets. For example, the lumen 18C of Figs. 4A, 4B has two inlets 40 and 42. Nowhere does the Ferguson patent disclose or even remotely suggest to provide a lumen with two separate inlets. Ferguson discloses multiple lumens, but each lumen has only a single inlet.

Providing a lumen with two separate inlets enables a stylet to be introduced into the lumen 18C via the inlet 42 even while the other inlet 40 of the same lumen 18C is connected to a CPG supply line.

It is submitted that claim 15 distinguishes patentably over Ferguson for that reason alone.

In the Official action it is asserted that a stylet can be inserted into one of Ferguson's lumens and fluid introduced through another of Ferguson's lumens. But claim 15 recites inserting a stylet through an inlet of a lumen and conducting fluid through a separate inlet of that lumen. The Official action seems not to have taken that recitation into account.

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